



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: SCHAEFER, et al.

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For: Biological Joint Construct

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 06, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

Response being due on or before March 06, 2005, it is believed that a one-month extension of time for response is necessary. Such an extension is hereby petitioned by the filing of the accompanying petition and petition fee. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-captioned application be amended as indicated below.